

REMARKS

Claims 10-12, 17-20 and 23-27 are pending in the present application.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 10-12, 17-20 and 23-27 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,665,576.

Although Applicant does not necessarily concede that this rejection is proper, enclosed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c). The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this rejection at least in view of the Terminal Disclaimer as enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0238 in the amount of \$130.00 for the Terminal Disclaimer Fee as required under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d).

Conclusion

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the corresponding rejection, and to pass the claims of the present application to issue, for at least the above reasons.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (571) 283-0720 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

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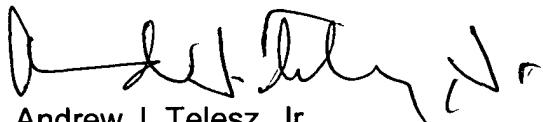
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment for any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0238.

Respectfully submitted,

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